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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A body-worn personal communications apparatus comprising:
 - a physically-shortened electric antenna that is physically smaller in at least one dimension than its electrical length in that same dimension;
 - a transceiver connected to said physically-shortened electric antenna;
 - a microphone connected to said transceiver; and
 - a casing having a width, a length and a height, said height being less than said width and less than said length,
 - wherein said transceiver is disposed within said casing,
 - wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is mounted transversely to a plane through said casing such that said one dimension of said physically-shortened electric antenna is aligned with said height of said casing,
 - wherein said physically shortened electric antenna is designed so as to not require manipulation by a user.
2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The body-worn personal communications apparatus comprising:
 - ~~a physically shorted electric antenna that is physically smaller than its electrical length of claim 1,~~
 - ~~wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a helical antenna;~~
 - ~~wherein said physically shortened electric antenna is designed so as to not require manipulation by a user.~~
3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a meander-line antenna.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said microphone is located at an end of said physically-shortened electric antenna furthest from said casing.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a helical antenna.
12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a meander-line antenna.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said microphone is located at an end of said physically-shortened electric antenna furthest from said casing.
15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:
a transceiver,
wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a coaxial cable that provides electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver.
16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said microphone provides a low impedance at radio frequencies to thereby enable said coaxial cable forming said physically-shortened electric antenna to act as an inductive stub.
17. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:
a transceiver; and
a microphone.
wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a hollow wire,
wherein a first electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by said hollow wire, and
wherein a second electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by a conductor enclosed by said hollow wire.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said microphone provides a top loading to said physically-shortened electric antenna.